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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on p. 10, lines 3-17 as follows:

Once a parent agent daemon process 44 on an SSA 18 associated with a target system to be maintained 14 is started or initiated and the communications channel with the respective child intermediary daemon 40 process has been established, the parent agent ~~intermediary daemon~~ process 44 blocks pending receipt of a directive to be executed on one of the target systems 14 associated with that SSA 18. If such a directive is received, the parent agent daemon process 44 spawns a respective child agent daemon process 46 which will remain in communication with the parent agent daemon process 44 until all results from the executed directive have been returned to the SSI 16. Once this occurs, the child agent daemon process 46 exits. Each of these daemon processes 38, 40, 4 44, 46 block, or remain in an idle state, until they are needed to either receive or send data.